

**State of California
Department of Parks and Recreation**

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Planning and Research
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FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
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PROJECT TITLE: General Creek Aspen Restoration

LOCATION: Sugar Pine Point State Park

COUNTY: El Dorado

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:

Restore aspen stands along General Creek in Sugar Pine Point State Park to restore native vegetation and reduce fuel loads. Project will address the lack of regeneration of aspens due to overcrowding from mostly white fir trees. Work will be carried out in five stands and will include:

- General Creek North Stand: Hand crews will thin trees up to 24" dbh and debris will be either burned, chipped, or sold as logs.
- Olympic Meadows Stands (two stands): Hand crews will thin trees up to 24" dbh and debris will be either burned or sold as logs.
- Lily Pond and Upper General Creek Stands: Hand crews will thin trees up to 18" dbh and debris will be burned.

All work will be done while ground is dry. No trees > 6" dbh will be removed within 50' of any stream; no aspen trees will be cut.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT: California Department of Parks and Recreation

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Sierra District

EXEMPT STATUS:

☒ Categorical Exemption Class: 4 Section: 15304

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:

Project consists of minor alterations in the condition of vegetation that does not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry purposes (included as "resource management" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities, in accordance with CCR § 15300.4).

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